

Northwest Water Planning Alliance 7-23-12

The Northwest Water Planning Alliance is in the process of drafting a Regional Lawn Watering Conservation ordinance. Our goal is to have it adopted by all of the communities and counties that are in the NWPA. I have attached a copy of our one page summary for your information. As you can see we are still working through some details so this is preliminary.

Realistically this will not be approved by our Executive Committee until late fall. We hope to distribute the ordinance and work toward regional adoption next spring. So obviously this will not have an impact on the current crisis but I just wanted to report on the activity to you and Arlan no need to report this to the DRTF.

On a another note our TAC committee meets every month and at our last meeting (June 26) we did an around the room update, while everyone's water use is up, generally peak pumpage was down from the 2005 drought. This is likely due to the amount of home building and coincidental installation of sod that was taking place then and to the fact that some communities have already implemented lawn watering restrictions. During 2005 we were seeing ratios of max to average day of 2.5 to 4 to 1, now we are down in the 1.5 to 2.0 to 1 range. Of course there are exceptions. Our group represents about 75 communities, we estimate that 30 or so do not have any type of restriction, hence our effort to develop an ordinance that can be applied across our region.